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1. REF A REQUESTED PLANNING AND BUDGETING (P&B) DATA FOR
A NUMBER OF MAJOR COMBATANT SHIPS IN CONNECTION WITH TURKISH
NAVY PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD 1978-1981. REF B INDICATED
THAT NONE OF THE REQUESTED SHIPS WERE AVAILABLE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE EXCEPT FOR THE OCEAN RESCUE SHIP (ASR) AND
THE SALVAGE SHIP (ARS). SUBSEQUENTLY THE US NAVY
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PROVIDED P&B DATA FOR THESE TWO SHIPS.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE NON-AVAILABILITY FOR FMS PURCHASE OF
DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES MENTIONED IN REF A, THE TURKISH
NAVY HAS NOW EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS
(DD) AND GUPPY III SUBMARINES (SS). ACCORDINGLY, IN
CONNECTION WITH PLANNING FOR THE FY 1979 FMS CREDIT PROGRAM

FOR THE TURKISH NAVY, THE FOLLOWING P&B DATA IS REQUESTED:

A. GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS (DD) COMPLETE WITH MC195-1 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, AMMUNITION, AND COSAL/COSMAL SPARES; 3 EACH.

B. GUPPY III SUBMARINES, EQUIPPED AS IN A; 2 EACH.

4. MISSION COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GENERAL: AS EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY IN REF A, THE TURKISH NAVY NEEDS TO MODERNIZE ITS LARGE COMBATANT FLEET OF SHIPS AND SUBMARINES. BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS DICTATE THAT AVAILABLE FUNDS BE SPENT TO ACQUIRE SUPPORTABLE AND REASONABLY SURVIVABLE WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

B. DESTROYERS/SUBMARINES: FIVE FLETCHER DESTROYERS AND ALL OF THE TURKISH NAVY'S FLEET SNORKEL, GUPPY I AND II SUBMARINES ARE ESSENTIALLY NON-SUPPORTABLE FROM US SUPPLY SOURCES. WITHOUT WHOLESALE REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS, THE DESTROYERS WOULD NOT BE SURVIVABLE EVEN IN A LIMITED MODERN COMBAT ENVIRONMENT. (ALSO PLEASE SEE PARAS 3 A AND 3B, REF A)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVISION OF P&B DATA ON GEARING DD'S AND GUPPY III SUBMARINES FOR FY 79 FMS PROGRAM
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